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SUBJ: COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM BEKER
INDUTRIES CORP., GREENWICH CONNECTICUT

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF CABGE FROM SUBJECT US COMPANY RE SALE OF
20,000 METRIC TONS OF DIAMMONIUM PHOSPHATE TO MADRID FIRM, FELIPE
FOSTER,S.A., EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL OFFICE HAS SPOKEN WITH MR.

CASIMIRO GONZALES FELIPE ETER. GONZALES STATES THAT IMPORTS
LICENSES FOR PHOSPHATES HAVE BEEN HELD UP FOR SOME TIME IN MIN-

ISTRY OF COMMERCE OVER LIKELY PROCESS DOMESTIC PRODUCTION BY
EXPLOSIVOS RIO TINTO.

2. AS GONZALES INDICATED THAT HE HADN'T REQUESTED GOS APPROVAL OF
THIS IMPORT SINCE HE HAS HAD SEVERAL OTHER REQUESTS PENDING FOR A
NUMBER OF MONTHS, THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE HAS SENT A LETTER TO THE
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TARIFFS AND IMPORTATION IN THE MINISTRY OF
COMMERCE INQUIRING AS TO WHAT THE GOS POLICY IS VIS-A-VIS PHOSPHATE
IMPORTS.

3. AS SOON AS A REPLY IS RECEIVED, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE
INFORMED.

4. ACTION: PLEASE ADVISE MR.O. KRATCHMAN, VICE PRESIDENT,
BEKER EXPORT CORP., GREENWICH, CONN. OF FOREGOING.
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